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YOU SHOULD RESPOND IN FOLLOWING TERMS TO ALGERIAN
DEMARCHE REPORTED REFTEL:

-- KING HASSAN'S DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE GREEN MARCH
INTO THE SPANISH SAHARA IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE USG
AS WELL AND WE HAVE JOINED WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL IN ITS RECENT ACTIONS CALLING FOR AN END
TO THE MARCH.

-- THE USG REGRETS ANY ACTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO INSTA-
BILITY IN THE AREA AND WE HAVE URGED ALL OF THE GOVERNMENTS
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INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO, TO EXERCISE

PATIENCE AND RESTRAINT. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT A DIRECT PARTY TO THE PROBLEM. WE CANNOT TELL OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHAT TO DO AND ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO INSIST UPON ACCEPTANCE OF OUR VIEWS BY ANY OF THE PARTIES.

-- THE USG HAS ALSO MADE CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED OUR BELIEF THAT THE APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE IS BY NEGOTIATION WITHIN THE UN. WE SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION WHICH WAS THE BASIS FOR SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO THE AREA AND WE SUPPORT HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PARTIES TO AGREE TO AN AMICABLE ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL MEET THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL. KISSINGER

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